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Applicant: Chen, et al.

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For: Compositions and Methods for Mucosal Delivery

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2002 (Paper No.

4). Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

This Amendment is believed timely filed on the first business day following Sunday, March 16, 2003, with a two (2) month extension of time. Should this Amendment not be considered timely filed with a two (2) month extension, Applicant hereby requests a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 04-0480.

¹ If an Extension is deemed necessary, please consider this Paper to comprise a Petition for such an Extension.